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1. NOAA/COMMERCE ISSUED FOLLOWING STATEMENT TO THE PRESS
JULY 25, 1975 BY DR. ROBERTM. WHITE, ADMINISTRATOR OF
NOAA/COMMERCE AND PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE US TO THE
WMO.

2. BEGIN QUOTE: RECENT STATEMENTS BY DR. JORGE VIVO OF
THE UNIVERSITY OF MEXICO THAT THE US EXPERIMENTED WITH
HURRICANE CONTROL "UNDER GUISE OF THE WMO PROGRAM JUNE 15
THROUGH SEPTEMBER 23, 1974" ARE TOTALLY FALSE.

3. THE ATLANTIC TROPICAL EXPERIMENT OF THE WMO'S GLOBAL
ATMOSPHERIC RESEARCH PROGRAM, CALLED GATE, WAS A JOINT
EFFORT OF 70 NATIONS IN WHICH MEXICO WAS AN ACTIVE PARTICI-
PANT. GATE EXAMINED WEATHER OCEANS OVER ONE-THIRD OF THE
EARTH'S TROPICS IN AN EFFORT TO GAIN BETTER UNDERSTANDING
OF THE BEHAVIOR OF THE TROPICAL ATMOSPHERE AND ITS EFFECTS
UPON GLOBAL WEATHER.

4. AIRCRAFT OF THE US, UK, THE USSR, AND FRANCE ALL HEAD-
QUARTERED AT DAKAR, SENEGAL, PARTICIPATED IN THE EXPERI-
MENT WHICH HAD NOTHING WHATEVER TO DO WITH HURRICANE
CONTROL. THERE WAS NO CLOUDSEEDING IN THE GATE EXPERIMENT.
NONE OF THE AIRCRAFT HAD THE EQUIPMENT NOR THE PYROTECH-
NICS FOR CLOUDSEEDING. THE AIRCRAFT WERE OPEN TO VISITORS,
INCLUDING THE PRESS, THROUGHOUT THE PROGRAM. THE AIRBORNE
EXPERIMENTS WERE AGREED UPON IN GENERAL TERMS FAR IN
ADVANCE OF THE PROJECT, AND EACH DAY'S SPECIFIC EFFORT
WAS DECIDED UPON BY AN OPERATIONS GROUP DRAWN FROM MAJOR
PARTICIPATING NATIONS.

5. DR. VIVO IS ALSO REPORTED TO HAVE SAID THAT DR. CECIL
GENTRY, IN HIS ROLE AS DIRECTOR OF PROJECT STORMFURY,
STATED IN A 1973 SPEECH IN MEXICO CITY THAT THE US WAS
SEEDING HURRICANES WITH SILVER IODIDE CRYSTALS.

6. DR. GENTRY, NOW RETIRED FROM GOVERNMENT SERVICE,
INFORMS ME THAT HIS MEXICO CITY SPEECH REVIEWED THE
SEEDING OF HURRICANE DEBBIE IN 1969 AND GINGER IN 1971,
A SMALL SEEDING EXPERIMENT OFF BARBADOS WELL BEFORE THE
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HURRICANE SEASON OF 1972, AND THAT HE STATED EXPLICITLY
THAT NO HURRICANE SEEDING WOULD BE UNDERTAKEN EITHER IN
1973 OR 1974 BY THE US GOVERNMENT.

7. THERE WAS NONE THEN, NOR WILL THERE BE ANY IN THE
1975 HURRICANE SEASON. I ASK THAT THIS BE NOTED WELL.

8. THE US POLICY WITH REGARD TO ANY KIND OF WEATHER

MODIFICATION PROGRAM IS ONE OF OPENNESS, PRIOR NOTIFICATION TO ANY GOVERNMENT WHICH COULD CONCEIVABLY BE AFFECTED, AND WIDESPREAD ADVANCED PUBLIC NOTICE. THIS WILL CONTINUE TO BE OUR POLICY.

9. IN MAKING THESE IRRESPONSIBLE CHARGES CONCERNING THE UN EXPERIMENTS, DR. VIVO HAS MANAGED WITH ONE STROKE TO DISCREDIT HIMSELF WITH THE ENTIRE INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY.

10. I HOPE THIS STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE US WILL GET THE TRUTH TO THOSE WHO HAVE NO OTHER WAY OF LEARNING IT, AND THAT DR. VIVO'S SLANDERS WILL DIE OF THEIR OWN WEIGHT. END QUOTE.

11. ADDRESSEES SHOULD USE FACTS IN THE ABOVE STATEMENTS TO ANSWER QUERIES REGARDING DR. VIVO'S LATEST CHARGES.

12. FOR MEXICO: DR. WHITE IS SENDING PERSONAL TELEGRAMS TO DR. J. ADEM, S. AGUALAR, AND SECRETARY GENERAL OF WMO/GENEVA.

13. FOR GENEVA: SINCE THE WMO HAS NOW INDIRECTLY BEEN INVOLVED SUGGEST COPY US STATEMENT BE GIVEN TO SECRETARY GENERAL FOR HIS USE. INGERSOLL

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